TOPIC: DEALING WITH RELATIVES...Even if you can't stand them.

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BOOK:

- 1. What is the book about?
- 2. It's such a complicated subject. How did you go about writing this book?
- 3. What are your qualifications to write this book? How's your relationship with your own family?
- 4. What's the difference between this book and the first one?

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT FAMILIES:

- 1. What leads to the bad behavior? What makes it hard for families to get along?
- 2. What is the best you can hope for with difficult family members?
- 3. You write about Magic Numbers, geography, frequency and time. Please explain these numbers and what makes them so valuable.

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT FAMILY EVENTS

- 1. How do you prepare for family gatherings?
- 2. What are the Rules of non-engagement?

ABOUT THE EIGHT CATEGORIES:

- 1. Describe the 'Eight By Fate' categories of bad family behavior
- 2. How are these problem behaviors self defeating?
- 3. What if it's me? What if I'm the difficult relative?

QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC PROBLEMS:

- 1. How do you deal with BOSSINESS?
- 2. How do you deal with SHYNESS? How do you draw someone out?
- 3. How do you deal with CRITICISM?
- 4. How do you deal with SELF-PITY?
- 5. How do you deal with INTERFERENCE?
- 6. How do you deal with the feeling of OBLIGATION? With GUILT TRIPS?
- 7. How do you deal with REBELLION?
- 8. How do you deal with BOASTING?